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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a method for genetically transforming a plant so that it expresses a glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase that is feed-back defective. The feed-back defective enzyme raises levels of glycerol and glycerol-3-phosphate in comparison to the wild type, leading to increased osmotic stress tolerance, and altered fatty acid content in glycerolipids.